WHITE RIBBON ENSIGN

"IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD, WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS"

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Away back in the late sixties of the last century, I sat one evening as a listener in an old-fashioned singing-school in a church in Chico. A refined and pleasant looking man came in and took a seat by my side. That man was John Kennedy, the brother of our Mrs. Bidwell. After listening to the singing for a few moments, he suddenly leaned over and whispered, while a joyous smile lit up his face—

"O, Mrs. Woodman, my sister Annie, now Mrs. Bidwell, will arrive in Chico next week."

And that "next week," General Bidwell brought to the beautiful new home he had prepared for her, a bride, who should be, not merely a social factor in his life and home, but in the true Bible sense, a help-meet, to grapple with the great problems of life—meet not only to preside over his home with gracious ease, but also, if need be, to enter larger areas outside the home, whenever and wherever duty should point the way.

I never saw a couple more perfectly mated. Every progressive measure that the General undertook was warmly seconded by his wife and all Christian enterprises promoted by Mrs. Bidwell, were as warmly seconded by her husband. In temperance reform, missionary work, benevolences and charities they worked hand in hand.

They excelled all others whom I ever knew, in the saving grace of hospitality. I believe that weary souls have been led to a higher life through the quiet kindness and tender ministrations found in that Christian home. Their home might truly be called a summer resort in summer, and a winter resort in winter; and not merely for their hosts of friends, but for weary clergymen and their families, too poor to afford a

vacation; for tired workers in the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union;" returned missionaries, and worn out, under paid teachers.

A refined, cultured lady, but destitute and discouraged, whom Mrs. Bidwell had met somewhere and invited to her home, "to rest awhile," said to me, while tears rolled down her cheeks, "O! there never before was such a woman as Mrs. Bidwell. She has been an Angel of Mercy to me."

My most intimate relations with Mrs. Bidwell grew out of our mutual interest in the work of the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union." For seventeen strenuous but happy, blessed years, we worked together until I left Chico in 1900.

I always found Mrs. Bidwell level-headed, self-poised, enthusiastic, ready for emergencies, and able under all circumstances to keep sweet. Her smile has been an inspiration to me when discouragements beset our work. Her optimism was contagious, but her faith in the outcome of her undertakings, was always supplemented by works which helped to bring desired results.

General and Mrs. Bidwell were remarkable in their willingness to sacrifice personal comfort and pleasure for the cause of Christ and humanity. Their sacrifices taxed body and mind. In their rarely attractive home, surrounded by books and congenial friends, it would seem that the temptation to spend their time in social enjoyment, travel and study, would have prevailed; especially as they reached the sunset side of life. Instead of a life of luxurious ease, however, they spent many weary days driving about the country early and late, getting names to petitions for decency and righteousness; planning for great mass meetings, and then distributing invitations, and adding such attractive features that the meetings were largely attended.

There is probably no other town of the size of Chico in the state, that in those early days had so many distinguished speakers to entertain and educate the people as Chico. Those speakers were the guests of General and Mrs. Bidwell, and it was the "Rancho Chico," and its charming owners that drew them to Chico, where they often lingered and gave additional lectures. These two reformers passed years of just such work taxing body, mind, and time, to say nothing of money, which was lavishly expended for every righteous cause.

Then the Indian Mission! It stands a monument to Mrs. Bidwell's consecrated Christian work. I find in one of Horace's Odes the following:

"I have completed a monument more lasting than brass, more sublime than the regal elevation of pyramids, which neither wasting shower, nor the unavailing north wind, nor an innumerable succession of years, nor the flight of seasons shall be able to demolish."

The Indian Mission stands as such a monument to General and Mrs. Bidwell.

For many years Mrs Bidwell went to the Chapel, built by the General for the Indians, and preached to them at 10 a. m. every Sunday. I doubt if any two persons can be found in the Home Mission field who can show greater results in the same number of years. The Indian band was a feature of public celebrations in Chico, particularly of temperance celebrations. Mrs. Bidwell's sympathy for her Indian charges was very real, and their dependence upon her in affliction was pathetic. The Christian influence of this gifted woman over those Indians during these many years cannot be estimated.

Mrs. Bidwell had a very warm place in her heart for young people and she was an inspiration to them. Her home was always open to them for their gatherings. The young people's societies of the churches, the Normal School, and various organizations of young people always found a convenient, beautiful and welcome meeting place in the Bidwell Mansion. Her influence over young people was marvelous, because her love for them was great, and she inspired them with confidence in her judgment. She has done a great work among the young people, and there are many who will "rise up and call her blessed."

Personally, I regard Mrs. Bidwell as a cherished friend whom I have sorely missed for fourteen years.

We went through many stormy campaigns together and as we are now in the fight for Prohibition, my heart yearns for the old Chico work with my comrade and friend, Mrs. A. E. K. Bidwell.

MRS. S. M. M. WOODMAN.

Sunny Stanislaus.

Almost too busy to write; but must send loving greeting to dear white ribbon band.

The year 1914 is here—arrived on time, and we must "step lively" to accomplish all that is expected of us.

As our hands have been kept busy writing letters to officials, and our time filled with "petition" work, we have thought "it but a drop in the bucket" as compared with the combined effort of all the effort of all the membership along these lines of necessary campaigning.

The distribution of prohibition and other literature, has been and will hereafter be carefully attended to, that those outside the W. C. T. U. may realize their responsibilities with reference to all reform laws.

Much importance is attached to Medal Contest work; and our unions are vying with each other, under local and county leaders. Mrs. L. Peterson, our county superintendent, has the work well in hand. Modesto union is to hold a gold medal contest the 16th instant.

Ceres is preparing Juniors for a double contest and will give an Old Time Songs Concert, February 24th. Mrs Clarence Williams is local Medal Contest superintendent. Dates are being made throughout the county for 1914 Institutes.

Successful co-operation of Temperance and Mission department with Missionary Societies seems assured, and Ceres union is favored in having for her local superintendent, Miss Alice Whittier, who is also county superintendent of Temperance and Missions. She has been in West China Mission fields and so knows the needs of missions from experience. Under her supervision and under the auspices of these societies a Chinese banquet will be given sometime in February or March.

We must all register again, or forfeit our suffrage rights. Let us not only attend to it ourselves, but remind our friends not to be neglectful in this respect. Let us never be seen without our white ribbon; but work and pray for a white California, a nation and a world. Yours for service always,

MRS. FAUSTINA M. CASE.
Press Sup't.

Lincoln Condemned the Liquor Traffic

Last fall Major J. B. Merwin, now eighty-five years old, and a close friend of President Lincoln,—in a public address, read from manuscript the words of Lincoln to him on the day of the great president's assassination. They were as follows:

"Merwin, we have cleaned up, by the help of the people, a colossal job; slavery is abolished. The next great question will be the overthrow of the legalized liquor traffic. And you know, Merwin, my head and my heart, my hand and my purse, will go into that work. In 1842, less than a quarter of a century ago, I predicted that the day would come when there would be neither a slave nor a drunkard in the land. I have lived to see one prediction fulfilled. I hope to see the other realized."

Major Merwin then said that he was in the room when Secretary Salmon P. Chase brought the internal revenue bill to the president for his signature. Lincoln hesitated and refused to sign it. Mr. Chase urged him, saying: "We must have the resources of the evil as well as of the good to finish this war." Still Lincoln hesitated, and Chase pressed the case further. Finally, the president made his secretary agree that it should be only a temporary measure to be repealed as soon as the war was over, and holding up his pen said:

"I WOULD RATHER LOSE THIS RIGHT ARM THAN SIGN ANY DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD PERPETUATE THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC."

President's Letter

DEAR CO-WORKERS:

Our slogan is, "Vote California Dry on November 3, 1914;" and to this end we must work and pray. Organization is the watchword. Organization is the strong-hold of the success of the campaign. I urge you again that in towns, cities and counties, where the "Dry California" Federation is not formed, the W. C. T. U. take the initiative in getting the different reform and religious societies to unite and organize. California Dry Federation Bulletins were sent out through the county president's to the locals, but if you are not supplied send to Mr. Fred F. Wheeler, 1003 Washington building, Los Angeles, and get them.

Mrs. Lora S. La Mance, who took an active part in the campaign of West Virginia, spoke in San Jose, Feb. 22nd, going into the details to some extent, regarding the methods used in carrying it on.

She urged organization in this state with perfect unity among the temperance workers, saying, "thorough organization, with discipline, will be the keynote of your success in California."

West Virginia was an exceedingly hard state, but with the united effort of a well organized force, and the heroic, consecrated service of the workers, it was won for prohibition with a majority of 92,300. The campaign stands out as the greatest prohibition battle ever fought in the United States.

Judge McWhorters, who also took a prominent part in the West Virginia campaign says, "If the temperance people will get together, with determined and singleness of purpose, under one efficient, state-wide organization and management, and carry on a proper campaign of education, they can carry any state in this union for prohibition."

There never was a time in the history of our state when so much responsibility rested upon the forces that stand for righteousness as at this time. What is done or left undone during the next eight months means much.

The personal responsibility of each of us as citizens of this vast commonwealth is also great. We are not only responsible for our ballot, but for our service and our attitude. We should go forward with faith in God, believing that "With Him all things are possible." We, like our sainted leader, Frances E. Willard, should be true Christian optimists. Let us in every way possible, co-operate with, and lend a hand in the "California Dry" Federation; local, county and state.

There is also specific work that must be done by the W. C. T. U., and I trust that we may be true to it all. I hope the plans that have been sent to each local by the W. C. T. U. Campaign committee, may be taken up and carried out.

The following are some of the plans adopted by the Southern California W. C. T. U. and are to my mind, highly commendable:

That each Union observe the last Wednesday of each month as a universal day of prayer; these meetings to be held in the different churches respectively, and to ask the pastors of the churches to co-operate with them in their respective prayer meetings.

That each union give an exhibit in some public place demonstrating the effects and cost of the liquor traffic, the state furnishing sufficient posters to be circulated throughout the counties.

That we heartily recommend the organization of Young Campaigners, and special emphasis to be laid on "California Dry" on each Temperance Sunday in the Sunday schools.

That we recommend holding campaign precinct teas.

That a special effort be made to have an exhibit at all fairs and fruit shows.

The great campaigns that we are waging, mean sacrifice of time and money. Mrs. La Mance told of the self-denial of the West Virginia women, and said that a great part of the money for the campaign came through the self-denial of the women. They wore their old suits instead of having new, and home millinery was quite the style, that they might save money for the campaign.

We are encouraged with the glad news that the Presbyterian church has voted to send 250 workers and appropriated $50,000 for the prohibition campaigns in the four states, Colorado, Washington, Oregon and California.

The California Christian Advocate of February 19th, in speaking of the "California Dry" Federation, said:

"A good suggestion has come from one of our friends enlisted in this great work, that July 4, 1914, be set apart by the patriotic men and women of California, to assemble en masse throughout the state, and make this question the paramount issue." Pass it on.

Mr. Franklin Hichborn, in an address given at San Jose recently, showed slides made from actual photographs of the forged names on the Red Light Abatement petition. Mr. Hichborn stated that "Theodore Kytka, the handwriting expert, stated that if all the forged signatures on the redlight abatement petition were to be eliminated, not enough signatures would remain to compel a referendum vote." "If this be true," he continued, "the tenderloin interests, by means of perjury and forgery, have set aside an act of the legislature.

Investigation has shown that 1280 signatures on the petition are deliberate forgeries."

"The contest," said Mr. Hichborn, "is between the home on one side, and those who fatten off the social evil on the other. On the side of the exploiters of vice, will be found powerful allies. It is a contest between the reputable citizenry of California, and the beast." The public press said that Mr. Hichborn's address was probably one of the most dramatic ever delivered from a pulpit in San Jose. At the conclusion, when he said, "It is our homes we are fighting for," and showed a slide of a rose-embowered cottage with two tiny, rosebud girls seated on the steps, there burst forth a storm of applause, indicative of the pulse of the people.

We have reason to expect that action will be taken soon, for Governor Johnson, in a public address before the Woman's Council at Sacramento not long since, said, "It has come to me of late that certain frauds and forgeries have been committed in connection with this petition. I hope that local authorities will act in this matter, but if they do not, whatever power the state has in that regard will be exercised to see that those who are guilty shall meet their deserts." Let the Governor know that public sentiment is back of him in this.

The Congress of Reforms will be held at Pacific Grove, beginning on August 1st with Executive board, Congress to open on Sunday morning, August 2nd, closing Friday evening the 7th. Make this the time of your vacation and be there accompanied by the members of your family if possible. The state convention will be held in Modesto, September 28th to October 2nd. These dates are earlier than usual and will cause our year to be shorter than usual, but local conditions makes these dates the most practical, and in compliance with the judgment of the local, we cheerfully accept these dates, and I trust that we all will do our very best to bring the year to a successful close. The treasurer's books will close according to our constitution on September 13th. We want an increase of 1000 members, with dues all paid at that time. Will you do your part? Think right now who you will get for a new member, and with one of our membership cards, (which are sent free of charge) make a call for this specific purpose. Many women are waiting for an invitation. There are those who have recently come to your town or city, who would like to become a member. A lady recently asked to join the W. C. T. U. said, "Why, yes, I didn't know that you wanted me." Opportunities are all about us, only we do not always seize them. The Pacific Grove W. C. T. U. has recently closed a membership contest which brought them fifty new members of both active and honorary. It was my privilege to attend the banquet on February 16th. Mrs. Nina Shultz Sheppa and Mrs. Mary Helen Cartwright were the captains and each side secured alike, twenty-five each.

By the kind invitation of Mrs. Mattie

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All communications for the White Ribbon Ensign must be in the hands of the editor by the twentieth of each month.

WHITE, ON THE MAP—Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Santa Clara County—Palo Alto, April 15-16-17.

Tri-County (Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito)—Hollister, April 28 29-30.

Stanislaus County—Hughson, May 6 7 8.

Yolo County—Woodland, May 12-13.

Merced County—1st week in June.

Mrs. Christina Armstrong, our superintendent of Sabbath Observance, is recovering from a tedious illness, and is now able to sit up some.

The sale of "Peruna" requires a liquor license, as it is officially recognized as an intoxicant. There may be some druggists who do not know this, so it may be well to inform them regarding the law.

The National W. C. T. U. has offered a free copy of "The Life of Frances E. Willard" to any one who sends six yearly subscriptions to "The Union Signal." This is an offer of which many should avail themselves.

Mrs. Frances Carolan, of San Francisco, according to the newspapers, has just paid $1,000 for the return of her little Pomeranian dog that she lost in Paris a few months ago. She is especially thankful for the dog's return, as he exactly matches a set of furs. It would certainly be a very great trial to lose a dog that matched some furs, and the Ensign is thankful that Mrs. Carolan is spared this severe trial.

Mrs. Ellen A. Lovejoy, of Pacific Grove, who is spending the winter in Florida, writes that she has organized a Loyal Temperance Legion in Lake Alfred, that has trebled its membership in three meetings. She says she is having a delightful visit, but will be glad to hear from her California friends.

Through the courtesy of the Sacramento Union we are able to give the picture of Mrs. Annie E. K. Bidwell, one of the most widely known W. C. T. U. and prohibition workers in the state.

Mrs. Eva K. Murphy, state recording secretary of the Kansas Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and prominent in the Federation of Women's Clubs, is a candidate for Congress from her district.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature to label with skull and cross bones all beverages or medicines containing more than two per cent alcohol. They will also have this inscription, "This preparation contains alcohol, which is a habit forming, irritant, narcotic poison."

News From the Unions.

At a recent meeting, the executive board of Tri-County No. 1. decided to have Mrs. St John speak in the towns of their counties.

Porterville union has taken on new life. Has appointed superintendents for several departments. The union holds meetings twice a month, and in one of the January meetings there were thirty ladies present.

Mrs. Emilie L. Harlowe, county superintendent of Sabbath Observance in Stanislaus county, is very anxious to hear from her local superintendents in regard to their work in securing the observance of the Sabbath as a rest day.

Tulare union almost broke its record last month when nearly one hundred members gathered in the home of Mrs. Joseph La Marche to observe Frances E. Willard Memorial Day. Mrs. Robert McDaniel had charge of the devotional part of the program, Mrs. John Burgan provided the rest of the program, and read an interesting memorial of Miss Willard. The members present each gave a quotation from Miss Willard, and other interesting numbers were given. Mrs. Bartholomew and Mrs. Lorentzen from Tehachapi, were present, and contributed to the interest of the meeting. Mrs. La Marche served delicious refreshments of sandwiches, salads, cakes, pickles and coffee.

Our Organizers.

Since state convention Mrs. Washburn has organized an L. T. L. at Suisun, with officers as follows: Pauline Haines, president; Gaines Dinkelspiel, secretary; Carl Koch, financial secretary; Mamie Koch, treasurer; Louis Molinare, vice-president.

There are twenty-six members in this L. T. L. who have paid their dues, signed the triple pledge, and are doing good work under the efficient leadership of Mrs. H. S. La Shell L. T. L. secretary.

Mrs. Washburn also organized a union at Rutherford, Napa county, with officers as follows: Mrs. Lena Laster, Oakville, president; Mrs. Elmer E. Evans, Rutherford, secretary; Mrs. Lusetta J, Forsyth, Rutherford, treasurer.

Mrs. Romaine H. Slater was elected superintendent Mothers' meetings and White Ribbon Recruits; Mrs. E. E. Evans, superintendent of Christian Citizenship; Mrs. Ida Porter, Yountville R. D., superintendent of Evangelistic department.

Porterville union in Tulare county was organized by Mrs. DeYo. President, Mrs. Ethel Emery; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. P. Hubbs; recording secretary, Mrs. W. G. Thurston; treasurer, Mrs. Kate Ackerman.

Scientific Temperance Instruction

Having waited two months to receive answers to my letter of introduction, in which we requested you to ask questions, solicit advice, suggest the requirements of your special union or community, and having received only a few letters, we wish to publicly thank the few who have shown interest along the line of parliamentary usage, and urge others to fall in line. The subject is essentially educational, and vitally worth while to the women citizens of California; and with your cooperation we might make this department spicy and helpful to the readers of the Ensign. Lillian Cole Bethel's book on parliamentary usage, price 25 cents at W. C. T. U. headquarters. 3 City Hall ave., San Francisco is excellent as a text book. When problems come up which you cannot settle among yourselves, I am ready to help any who will send in questions. Let us get acquainted anyway.

Address:
MRS. SARA E. AYRES, State Supt.
530 N. 4th Street, San Jose.

The city of Visalia, county seat of Tulare, during the past two years one of the most rapidly growing towns in the San Joaquin valley, on Tuesday, February 24th decided to remain dry by a vote of 1161 to 851, a majority of 310, for prohibition.

A bitter fight was put up by the liquor sympathisers, but the sentiment of the woman vote was practically unanimous to continue a dry city.

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S. Hamilton, president of the W. C. T. U., a very pleasant afternoon was spent on February 10th at a large and pleasant gathering at the home of Mrs. Nash of Alameda, in honor of Mrs. Dorcas J. Spencer and organization day. This was especially pleasant because it was the home union of Mrs. Spencer, and the honor shown by home folks has just a little more sweetness in it.

Yours for victory,
SARA J. DORR.

Treasurer's Report.

January—Receipts

Dues:—Castroville, 11.05; Calla, 1.30; Cupertino, 2.60; Greenfield, .65; Fowler, .65; Hanford, 3.25; Lemoore, 5.85; Lodi, 5.85; Palmero, 3 25, Porterville, 195; Ripon, 1 30; Rolinda, 3.90; San Jose, 11.05; Sallnas, 22.10; Selma, 9.75; Stratford, 5.20; St. Helena, 3.25; Tulare, 3 25; Visalia, .65; West San Jose, 5 85; West Park and Pomona, 1.30, Total $104.00.

Donations, 112.00; miscellaneous, 1.05; L. T. L. dues, 2.30; gifts and bequests, 500.00; history, 24.00; red-light fund, 10 00; state minutes 46.01; headquarters, 2.27; National W. C. T. U. for organization of work among colored people 50.00; Willard Memorial, 2.00; prohibition campaign, 9,50; Spencer organizing fund, 1.00. Total receipts $864,13, cash on hand January 1st, $49.33. Grand total, $913.51.

EXPENSES.

National dues, 40.20, salaries, 69.00; organizing, 8:15; printing, 84.45; miscellaneous, 7,05; Ensign, 39.90; Willard Memorial, 2.00; Saving Bank of San Jose, 500.00; Red Light fund, 45.95; headquarters, 4.58; rent, 24.00; superintendents, 17.50; postage, 44.25; total 887.03; cash on hand February 1st, 26.48. Grand total $913.51.

IOWA M. HOLSTON,
Treasurer.

Purity

Dear Sisters of the W. C. T. U.:

Think! that the little children who are starting to school this year will never start to school for the first time again. Is there not in every union, some mother, who for love of her own dear children, will see that every mother in her town has either a copy of the leaflets on "Motherhood" or a chance to read one? Better a year too soon with the pure story of motherhood than five minutes too late. If any have more of these leaflets than they can distribute, kindly let me know, and I can tell you where to send them.

"Truth for Girls" and "Truth for Lads," 4 cents each, $1.10 per 100.

"The Perfect Gift," 3 cents each; 70 per 100.

"Hands Off," 3 cents each; 75 cents per 100.

These cover the years from the first day of school to marriage. A happy marriage is the crowning gift of purity.

Let our watchword for this year be, "Save the Boys." If we have good boys we will have good girls. All local superintendents in Siskiyou, Shasta, San Francisco, Sacramento, Plumas, Mendocino, Madera, Lake, Del Norte, Butte and Amador counties, where there are no county superintendents of Purity, please send direct to the state superintendent for literature and suggestions.

As surely as two and two make four, a purely instructed boy or girl, has a chance for a pure manhood or womanhood.

Our literature is beautiful and convincing. Will you help to distribute it?

Yours, with a heart full of hope,
MARY F. HAWELY,
State Supt. of Purity.

Petaluma

Mrs. Carrie Lee Carter Stokes opened the campaign in Sonoma county for a "Dry California," at a union service in Petaluma, Sunday evening, January 25th. She commenced by saying, referring to the extremely rainy weather: "We are making a wet beginning for a dry campaign, but California will surely dry off by next November," to which all agreed.

The people of Sonoma county were delighted with Mrs. Stokes and her work.

This is a short summary of the work done here from Jan. 25th to Feb. 8th.

Number of lectures, 14; afternoon meetings, 7; Petaluma Dry Federation, 1; midweek morning prayer meeting, 1; Junior league, 1; high school, 1; total meetings addressed, 25; Union organized, 1—Guerneville; active members gained, 47; honorary members gained, 18; pledges for membership, 2; voted for national amendment; two audiences, 220 people; Union Signal subscriptions, weekly editions 2; monthly, 7.

When the pledges have been collected, there will be a balance of fifty dollars above expenses left in the treasury. Mrs. Stokes was well received right in the wine grape country, and her speeches helped make sentiment for prohibition.

MINNIE P. RAYMOND.

Sunday School

Dear Sunday School Workers:

Below is given the list of the Quarterly Temperance Lessons for 1914. Note that March 8th is the next Temperance Sunday, when we must virtually conclude the pledge-signing campaign, the result of which is to be reported to the International S. S. Association, previous to the great convention in Chicago next June. We will need to enlist every white ribboner if we secure the one million names called for by Mr. Lawrence. Each state superintendent received her quota of this number, based upon the S. S. membership of the state. She cannot reach her proportion of the one million without the concerted help of the unions, and for this we plead.

Your national superintendent will furnish special report blanks at cost of postage only. (6 cents per 100.) These are to be used by local and county superintendents. Send at once for a supply and be ready to gather reports on March 8th. Send a white ribboner to every Sunday school for the express purpose of securing reports. Those who have signed the pledge during the Inst. Triennium (1911-1914) may be counted. Now sisters, for "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether" for the 1,000,000 names.

Yours In Service,
STELLA B. IRVINE, Nat'l Supt.

Quarterly Temperance Lessons for 1914:

March 8th, Watchfulness, Luke 12: 35 48. May 3rd, The Prodigal Son, Luke 15:11 32. August 9th, The Barren Fig Tree and The Defiled Temple, Mark 11:12-33. November 8th, Sowing and Reaping, Gal. 6:1-10.

Song

I have many requests for a list of the temperance songs I have on hand for sale.

"California's Going Dry," a duet or solo. "Prohibition Bells," duet, written by one of our own women, Mrs. Sarah Haggard Payne, should be sung in every town and city in our state.

Below I will give a full list of what I have. Do not fail to use them. We can make California dry by our temperance songs.

Send to state headquarters.

SOLOS

Asleep In the Cradle, Go Speed the White Ballot, The Ribbon White, Freedom's Coming, each 25 cents. The Nation's Going Dry and Victory Bells, two songs in small folder, The latter can be sung as solo or duet; 5 cents. "Victory," cornet obligato, octavo size; 15 cents. "Savannah," comic solo and male quartet, 25 cents.

DUETS

"California's Going Dry," "Prohibition Bells," "Hear the Tramp of Little Footsteps," and "The Battle's On," a male quartet, each 25 cents. "We're Headed Straight For the White House," 10 cents. "Keep the Magic Slogan Ringing, 10 cents.

Yours for the work,
SADIE RENOWDEN BAILEY.

The constitutionality of the federal white slave law has again been upheld by the supreme court in the Wilson case from Chicago. The point whether the law is limited to commercial vice was not involved.

L. T. L. COLUMN

MRS. MARY F. GILLEY, State General Secretary.
1430 Sixth Ave., San Francisco

Aims And Plans For 1914

1. Every boy and girl a young campaigner.

The constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition has been initiated, to go on the ballot at the general election in November, 1914.

The campaign has opened, the battle is on, and therefore every boy and girl in California is called in action. For wherever there is a prohibition campaign, there the children must be. We have been training them for years in our Loyal Temperance Legion, that they might be ready for just this moment.

Never before has a year held such wonderful opportunities for real practical service for our L. T. L. in Californiia.

2. Every Legioner subscriber to the Young Crusader.

Each month there will be songs, recitations and exercises to be used in gaining prohibition votes. We need this.

3. Every Legionner pay dues.

We must have the dues to furnish the "sinews of war." The more state dues we have the more efficient service we get.

How your Union and Legion can help.

1. If possible, secure a field secretary or some capable person in your town to visit every school and enlist the children as young campaigners. No dues for this are required and the buttons now being made can probably be sold for a penny apiece.

2. Make much of the L. T. L. work at every convention, institute and local W. C. T U. meeting.

There is no place where you can reach more unions or awaken so much real enthusiasm as here, for you have your interested women to begin with, and the time can be concentrated upon the practical needs and methods.

3. Hold county rally picnics whereever practical. If not, hold local rallies. Enlist everybody and prepare for this months ahead.

In our next issue, we will tell you about the buttons, the caps, pennants, banners and songs. But do not think because the young campaigners have no organization or dues, you do not need the Loyal Temperance Legion. We need them more this year than ever before. Everywhere they must be the nucleus of the children's work in this campaign. To show you what an enthusiastic, efficient leader can do, let me quote from an article written by a Dinuba clergyman in a local paper.

"Entertainment by L. T. L. Interests Many."

"A very interesting program was rendered by the members of the Loyal Temperance Legion at the Christian church on Thursday evening.

This organization is one of the best features of the W. C. T. U. work, and this chapter is under the efficient leadership of Mrs. H. H. Harners.

It is undenominational, but Christlike; and it is a glorious prophecy of the future of our community that 122 of our children are receiving this regular instruction in good-citizenship and moral uprighteousness from such a consecrated leader. We bespeak a closer co-operation on the part of Dinuba mothers in this great work.

We wish to commend Mrs. Harners upon the extraordinary fine entertainment which was gotten up on such short notice. No admission was charged but a liberal offering was received.

PROGRAM

Song—America.....By audience
Prayer .....Rev. Yonty
Song—Some Glad Day .....Legion
Rally Cry and Slogan.....Legion
Prayer .....By a little girl
Responsive Bible Reading.....
.....Luella and John Baker
Opening address by the president
.....Faith McCracken
Song—The Flag of Uncle Sam
Eva Gregory and Marie Redmond
Accompanied by Legion with flags of all nations.
Patriotic Salute.....Class
Pledge, followed by Jimmy's Answer
Abraham Lincoln's pledge, followed by a story of Lincoln.
Hymn—The Temperance Banner
Exercise—Uncle Sam's Vision
by several speakers in costume
Song—Onward We Are Marching
Exercise—Who'll Help..Four Legioners
A plea for Young Crusaders.....
..... Lorena Stollings
Address.....Mrs. Harner
Closing address.....Mabel French

The hand books will probably reach me and be sent to you before you read this. I think they must have gone astray in transportation.

Campaign instructions will be sent to every L. T. L. general secretary whose address I have, and to local presidents upon application.

Yours for a strenuous campaign,
MARY F. GILLEY.

Merced Institute and Medal Contest

On the evening of Jan. 22nd, Mrs. Addie Garwood Estes, our state vice-president gave an address on 'National Prohibition." Those who know, and have heard Mrs. Estes, do not need to be told that her address was convincing, giving encouragement to those who listened.

The following day was spent in institute work. Mrs. Estes presided and was assisted by our local president, Mrs Eliza Scott Ward, and our county president, Mrs. Mary M. Elmore, who is making strenuous efforts to build up the work here, and elsewhere throughout her territory.

The pastors of the various churches showed their interest by their attendance at all the meetings, and their hearty response to all they were called upon to do or say.

Last, but not by any means least, came the medal contest on Friday evening, under the auspices of our L. T. L. superintendent, Mrs. C. B. Lang. Our superintendent of Medal Contests, Mrs. N. L A. Cody, being out of town, Mrs. Elmore requested Mrs. Lang and Mrs. L. A. Bachelder, our local secretary, to take the responsibility of doing this, and certainly they had reason to be proud of their efforts. The children responded to the confidence placed in them, and a splendid program was the result. The choruses were well given, and the individual recitations and songs more than repaid the audience for their exertion in coming out in the inclement weather. While the judges retired to compare notes and decide on the winners, Master Richard Fisher, a small boy, astonished the audience by his oration on the "Bible and the Liquor Traffic." For various reasons, he was not eligible to the contest; but added very much to the interest and pleasure of the meetings.

The Judges announced Mary Ridley as the successful contestant in the oratorical contest, and Hugh Brow, winner in the contest of song.

The medals were presented by Mrs. Elmore in her happy manner. All the children who gave of their time and effort, to make the evening a success, were presented with boxes of candy, wrapped and tied in our colors—white and yellow.

Santa Cruz

The W. C. T. U. held a reception recently at Mrs. Royce's on Walnut Ave. in honor of the birthday of the pioneer suffragist, Mrs. P. H. Truax. Mrs. Truax was state superintendent of suffrage for many years. As one member expressed it, "we would not have had suffrage if it had not been for Mrs. Truax." She is working for suffrage yet, as women in other states are constantly sending to her for advice.

There was a short suffrage program, followed by dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Truax was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of yellow daffodils, yellow being the suffrage colors, and many cards from W, C. T. U. state officers. Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Dorr's mother, sent her a collar and the local W. C. T. U. presented her with a warm, crocheted hug-me tight. Many of Mrs. Truax's particular friends were present by special invitation and all enjoyed the afternoon very much.

Y COLUMN

MRS. ETHEL ESTES STEPHENSON
Secretary.
26 E. Wyandotte st. Stockton.

"It is glorious to man a lifeboat, but better to build a lighthouse."

From the Secretary

We are entering upon a new year full of promise, opportunity and hope. Our new Y. P. B. secretary, Miss Puss M. Hayes has sent out greetings and suggestions to the Y's all over the United States. In brief here are the suggested plans:

That the young people may be a potent factor in the campaign for National Prohibition, make it your aim to follow the plans printed in the December Y. P. B. edition of the Union Signal.

We now have a National Red Letter Day—April 14th, the birthday of Mrs. Frances J. Barnes. Let us make the whole month of April a campaign month—a campaign for friends and a campaign for National Constitutional Prohibition. The March Y. P. B. edition of Union Signal will be our campaign number, filled with suggestions and items of interest.

Lastly in regard to our own membership campaign. The cards have been sent to all the Y's in the state. Any Branch wishing more cards please send to me and they will be sent. I do hope we may "each one, win one," thus helping to carry out the national slogan "5000 new members for the Branch this year."

Go Forward.

History repeats itself. Soon after the children of Israel had escaped from Egypt, they found themselves with the Red Sea in front of them; high mountains beside them; and the pursuing Egyptian army behind them.

The prohibition forces of California were similarly situated; in front of them was the sea of popular indifference; around them the mountains of prejudice and custom; behind them the army of the liquor traffic, with all its wealth and influence.

Shall we act like the timid Israelite ex-slave, who cried, "It had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness,"

"Shall we say, "It is an inopportune time, we shall get beaten," or shall we be like Moses, who held up his rod of faith and commanded, "Go forward! Fear not, the Lord shall fight for us."

The eagerness with which the referendum petition was signed, shows that the sea of popular indiffence is being divided, and we shall walk through to victory.

When the Israelites crossed the Jordan the water did not part till their feet were actually touching the water, but they walked on, and the river did part, and they went through.

C. S. DANKS.

Hanford Observes Mother's Day

A well attended meeting was held in January in honor of Madam Willard's birthday.

Although the day was for a special purpose, a short time was given to the red-light abatement law. Our secretary was instructed to write to Governor Johnson in regard to the forgeries on the referendum petition.

We were fortunate in having with us Mrs. Rhinehart, an old time friend of Madame Willard, who gave us some interesting reminiscences of their friendship.

Professor Wilson, supervisor of the grammar schools, and Professor Shafer, principal of the high school, each talked on the co-operation of teachers and parents; the necessity of the parents knowing the teachers, and the help manual training would be in handling scholars.

Rev. Mr. Loomis in whose home we were meeting, gave statistics to show the false statements made by liquor men.

The Reverend Mr. Settle of the South Methodist church spoke of a former pastorate, a city that paid $8000 to keep up a hospital, in which ninety-five per cent of the inmates were there from the effects of drink. For the privilege of selling the liquor. the city had received the revenue of $5500.

Mrs. Bartholomew, our county president, ever a welcome guest, claimed the honor of being "mother" to many W. C. T. U. organizations in this and adjacent counties.

Mrs. Rinehart sang Madam Willard's favorite song, "The Songs That Pass in the Night." Solos were sung by Rev. Mr. Harrington, Reverend Mr. Loomis and Mrs. Harrington.

We expect to observe the day of prayer in February for National Prohibition.

SCRIBE.

In Memoriam

Our dear veteran worker, Mrs. Mary E. Jenks, is in deep bereavement. Her husband, Mr. Wm. Morgan Jenks, passed to be with God January 22nd. His going was triumphant, Had he survived one week they had celebrated their forty-ninth marriage anniversary. During the over thirty years of her service in the Sacramento and California Woman's Christian Temperance Union he was a strong though silent factor that supported and made her work possible. Many personal sacrifices were endured that she might aid the cause. His counsel was invaluable and his welcome and blessing ever met the weary pilgrim who sought his doors.

In the Civil war he was captain of Company G, Thirteenth Illinois Infantry. Gray-haired veterans bore their comrade from the flower-wreathed altar of the Ninth Street Baptist church, and laid him to rest under the Sabbath sunset, while the bugle breathed softly his last slumber-song.

Ah no, not there,
Where broodeth sorrow, change and care,
But on and up, beyond the stars;
Lo, Morning's pearly gate unbars!
There wait our loved, to guide our way
To heavenly heights and fadeless day.

While I convey to those who love her this message of sympathy and prayer, I also make it the occasion to extend to others who suffer, my tenderest condolence. When the "First Thursday" of each month rolls around I take time to sit awhile in the afternoon and remember those who have been cherished work-mates in the past. Sometimes I take out their messages and cards, and as I read them over, I seem to be with you all again. For the Thursday in March please read with me, at three o'clock, the blessed ninety-first psalm.

MARY M. BOWEN.
Sacramento.

Suggestive Program

For the 36th annual observance of Lord's Day. Week of prayer, April 12 19, 1914:

1. Hymn—"God Opens Wide the Gates to Heaven." (leaflet No. 2)
2. Bible Teaching on the Sabbath, responsive reading. (leaflet No. 4)
3. Lord's Prayer.
4. Six three-minute talks by prominent business men on:
   (a) The Sunday Newspaper.
   (b) Sunday travel.
   (c) Sunday shows.
   (d) Sunday real estate business.
   (e) Sunday sports.
   (f) Sunday opening of photograph galleries, barber shops and groceries.
5. Short Address "Our own Sabbath laws and how they are enforced," by a local lawyer.
6. Solo—"Oh Sabbath! Tis of Thee." (leaflet No. 2)
7. Short talk—"Benefits of Sabbath Observance" Reference leaflets No. 1, 3, 8, 9, 19, 21, 22, 24.
8. Announcement by the leader—"What our organization is doing to promote better Sabbath observance"
9. Pledge-signing. (leaflet No. 12.)
10. Hymn—"Oh Day of Rest and Gladness."
11. Benediction.

The Kenyon Red Light bill, similar in its provisions to the Red Light and Injunction Law adopted by the California Legislature, passed both houses of Congress and has been signed by President Wilson. This law will result in the extinction of the notorious redlight district that has been near the White House grounds for forty years. Again and again attempts have been made to induce various presidents to enforce the existing law in respect to these places but with no result.

A CALL TO ARMS.

CALIFORNIA WHITE; AND NATIONAL PROHIBITION

As temperance workers, are we beginning to realize the crisis at hand, and the team-work just before us? The very gravity of the situation, and the startling rapidity with which a long-looked for climax has been reached, seems to have had something of a paralyzing effect upon the nerve centers, so to speak, of the rank and file of our vast army; but this is only temporary, and soon will give place to electric thrills, which will engender new life and activity, such as never before have been manifest, even throughout all the strenuous warfare of the past.

Just to read of the action of the great temperance convention at Columbus, Ohio, where were gathered thirty-five hundred stalwart temperance men and women of America, is enough to send thrills enough through every member of our army to keep it on the double quick through all the coming campaign. In the midst of the wildest enthusiasm, the convention received, and adopted the following declaration from the pen of Hon. J. Frank Hanly, of the committee on resolutions.

"We therefore declare for its annihilation by an amendment to the Federal constitution which shall forever prohibit throughout the territory of the United States the manufacture and sale, and importation, exportation and transportation of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage. To the consummation of this high purpose we hereby pledge, as pledged our patriot fathers, one hundred and thirty-seven years ago for the nation's indepeudence:

" 'Our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.'

"Trusting in Almighty God, we call upon all patriotic citizens to give their support thereto."

When the vote upon the adoption of this declaration was called for by the chairman, the entire audience arose to their feet and wildly cheered and waved their handkerchiefs, and some one started, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," which was sung with a will. Then the chairman was called upon to lead the vast audience in prayer, and in an instant the vast throng was as silent as death, while a solemn prayer was voiced for God's guidance of the nation in this great undertaking.

An address was then given by Congressman M. Clyde Kelly, of Pittsburg, Pa., which embodied many prophetical utterances. Among other things he said: The Federal government has been in partnership with the liquor business since 1861, and the whiskey ring must be regarded as the father of all modern trusts. By putting the liquor out of the government, and the government out of the liquor business, the liquor business itself is to be put out of business."

The climax came when Ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee gave the wonderful relation of his conversion, and of his strong advocacy of the temperance cause, and declared that his whole life should henceforth be devoted to the one purpose of striving for the annihilation of the curse in our nation.

Many other thrilling incidents marked the course of this record-making convention. A comrade of the great Lincoln came to the platform, and told of the declaration of the great emancipator, that as soon as the war was over, he intended to devote his remaining years to the effort to wipe the infamous liquor traffic from the nation. This roused the convention to the highest wave of enthusiasm and "On, to Washington!" was the cry.

Now that the command "go forward" has come from the white-ribbon headquarters, and the plan of campaign is sent out to the furtherest bounds of the nation, there should be no delay, or the least faltering in the forward march. Not only this, but California's army has a double duty to perform. "California dry in 1914" is the battle cry for us, and the fight will be a hot one.

Already the enemy is alert and combining his forces for the combat. The wine contingents are holding conventions, and sending out letters with most urgent appeals to the voters not to ruin the great wine industry of the state, by voting for prohibition; and the liquor interests over the state are uniting their forces to present a solid phalanx against the forces who are working for a clean state.

We should not for an instant underestimate the strength of our ancient enemy, but every art of stragetic warfare must be learned and employed, and every force that is not actively against us must be mustered into service for this righteous cause, for surely the set time has come for the overthrow of this, the greatest enemy of our state.

Soon the lines will be sharply drawn, and it will be clearly manifest who is for or against us; but if all the forces that work and long for the highest interests of the state and nation will stand shoulder to shoulder in this combat, victory will be ours, and a new era will be ushered in.

MARY H. CARTWRIGHT.

L. Roy Slater, the chairman of the state central committee of the progressive party of Washington has announced he is in favor of inserting a state-wide prohibition plank in the progressive party platform. He has addressed letters to the thirty-one other membersof the committee to find out theirviews.

Alameda County

Tuesday, January 13th, with wraps, rubbers and umbrellas, sixty W. C. T. U. women braved the rain, met in the forenoon, and in the afternoon, the auditorium of the Baptist church in Melrose was filled nearly to its seating capacity with an enthusiastic andience. The new—old president, Mrs. McMath, was in the chair. I do not recall a year when the first quarter showed so much of the really practical work accomplished. The six unions within the boundary of Oakland are heart, hand, and purse with the Civic League in a determination to prove at the near election, that "Brewers do not govern Oakland." This is not a one day in seven campaign, but about twenty hours of each day. May the God of battles give us victory.

Berkeley's ever faithful workers have put time and money into rescue work and rest homes. It was indeed a thrilling recital to which we listened, as Mrs. Slater told of the face to face, heart to heart pleas with the fallen to come up and out of their degraded, destroying life and accept financial aid to go to their friends, or come to the quiet, uplifting influences of the rest rooms.

Miss Anna E. Chase came right to the question when she asked, "How are we to get the forgeries on the Red Light referendum prosecuted?" There is but one way left to us. Appeal to Governor Johnson to direct the Attorney General to prosecute. Proofs are clear and plentiful.

After being intensely aroused by reports, plans, discussions and forward movements, it was fitting that we should listen to an address that we might simply enjoy, by our eloquent Mrs. Sturtevant Peet who gave echoes of World's and National conventions. She made the home where she was entertained, the flag-bedecked platform, the personnel of the prominent delegates so real, we could almost see the persons and hear the voices.

I shall never forget her comment in speaking of the memorial service. "It is beautiful to have so lived, so worked, so loved, as to be remembered at a world's convention."

We were treated with charming solos, and the luncheons kept up the reputation of Melrose ladies for serving excellent meals.

Before closing I must mention that several speakers declared that there is widespread ignorance in regard to the red light laws—many thinking that it is now in force. W. C. T. U. women must enlighten these mistaken ones.

L. M. WORTH,
Press Supt.

Tulare has passed an ordinance making it unlawful for any person to have in his possession any kind of liquors with the intent to use it unlawfully.